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ELONGATE ELEMENT DESIGNED TO FORM SUCH
A NIB
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In response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2003
please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.